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SUBJECT: THE "DOLE-STONE" AMENDMENT
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1. ROC PRESS PLAY REPORTED REFTEL MISSES THE POINT.
SENATORS DOLE, STONE AND GOLDWATER HAD OFFERED AN AMEND-
MENT TO THE 1978 SECURITY ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION BILL
WHICH ASSERTED THAT BECAUSE THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY (MDT)
WITH THE ROC IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE U.S. SECURITY
POSITION IN ASIA, ANY POLICY CHANGES WHICH AFFECT THE MDT
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MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE FOR PRIOR APPROVAL.
FEARING THEY DID NOT HAVE THE VOTES TO PASS SUCH A
RESOLUTION, DOLE-STONE-GOLDWATER ASSENTED TO A COMPROMISE
PROPOSED BY SENATORS BYRD, KENNEDY, CRANSTON AND GLENN
WHICH DELETED THE LINKAGES BETWEEN THE MDT AND OTHER U.S.
SECURITY TREATIES IN ASIA AND WHICH, IN ITS OPERATIVE
PARAGRAPH, EXPRESSED THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT POLICY

CHANGES AFFECTING THE MDT SHALL BE A SUBJECT FOR PRIOR CONSULTATION. IT WAS THIS AMENDMENT, SPONSORED BY 22 SENATORS, INCLUDING DOLE, GOLDWATER, KENNEDY AND CRANSTON WHICH PASSED 94-0. THE SECRETARY, PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT, HAD WRITTEN SENATOR SPARKMAN TO (1) EXPRESS

OPPOSITION TO THE ORIGINAL DOLE LANGUAGE AND (2) RE-ITERATE THAT THE "ADMINISTRATION HAS CONSULTED AND WILL CONTINUE TO CONSULT WITH CONGRESS ON DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING OUR SECURITY COMMITMENT TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AS WELL AS KOREA AND JAPAN."

2. WHAT IS SIGNIFICANT IN FOREGOING IS THAT SENATORS DOLE, STONE AND GOLDWATER YIELDED FIRST ON THE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH BY ACCEPTING THE SUBSTITUTION OF "SHALL BE A SUBJECT" FOR PRIOR CONSULTATION INSTEAD OF "SHALL BE SUBMITTED" FOR PRIOR APPROVAL, AND IN THE END YIELDED ALSO ON THE LINKAGE BETWEEN TREATIES. NEITHER SIDE FELT PREPARED FOR A FULL DRESS DEBATE ON CHINA NORMALIZATION POLICY AND THUS ALL AGREED TO AN ANODYNE RESOLUTION.

3. TEXT OF SECRETARY'S LETTER TO SENATOR SPARKMAN FOLLOWS. TEXT OF AMENDMENT ADOPTED WILL BE SENT SEPTTEL.

"DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: TWO AMENDMENTS RELATING TO OUR SECURITY COMMITMENTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AS WELL AS CONFIDENTIAL

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TO JAPAN AND KOREA, HAVE BEEN PROPOSED TO THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961 AND THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT, ONE BY SENATOR DOLE AND ANOTHER BY SENATORS KENNEDY, CRANSTON, CHURCH AND GLENN. I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON THESE AMENDMENTS.

"IF AN AMENDMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY, WE WOULD STRONGLY FAVOR THE ONE OFFERED BY SENATORS KENNEDY, CRANSTON, CHURCH AND GLENN. WE TAKE THIS POSITION FOR SEVERAL REASONS. THREE ADMINISTRATIONS HAVE BEEN COMMITTED TO THE EFFORT TO IMPROVE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WHILE MAINTAINING THE MANY MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIPS WHICH LINK US TO THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN. THIS ADMINISTRATION, LIKE ITS TWO PREDECESSORS, BELIEVES THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF A STABLE BALANCE OF POWER AND THE PRESERVATION OF WORLD PEACE THAT WE MOVE TO A NORMAL STATE-TO-STATE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, BUT ONLY IN WAYS WHICH DO NOT ENDANGER THE WELL-BEING OF THE 17 MILLION PEOPLE ON TAIWAN.

"THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS CONSULTED AND WILL CONTINUE

TO CONSULT WITH CONGRESS ON DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING OUR
SECURITY COMMITMENT TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AS WELL AS
KOREA AND JAPAN.

"WE ARE TROUBLED BY SEVERAL ASPECTS OF THE AMENDMENT PRO-
POSED BY SENATOR DOLE. HIS AMENDMENT SUGGESTS LINKAGES
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES-REPUBLIC OF CHINA MUTUAL DEFENSE

TREATY AND OTHER U.S. SECURITY COMMITMENTS IN ASIA WHICH
WERE NOT CONTEMPLATED AT THE TIME THESE AGREEMENTS WERE
SIGNED AND WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN AGREED TO BY OUR ALLIES.
THE FORM OF OUR FUTURE RELATIONSHIPS IS BEST DETERMINED
IN THE LIGHT OF FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS RATHER THAN BEING
PREJUDGED IN ADVANCE. SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE. "
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